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this is almost like a re-run of, I don't know how many years Senator Syas has been here, or anybody else probably where serious matters are saved until last, and then in the interest of saving time, there is a rushing to judgment. Which sometimes is not valid. I am going to reserve my comments until I can get a fix on what the body is going to do. But the fact that I do not comment on issues does not mean that my silence consent to everything that is said.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, are you passing? Alright, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I would like to have Senator Lewis yield to a question if he would.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: I certainly would.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Lewis you spoke I believe of having them provide us with figures on projected revenues and/or expenditures. I assume by that that perhaps you meant our fiscal staff. I wonder first if you would be in favor of also, and I'm not trying to help or hurt anyone, I think that the first and most important thing that we need to do is get as many good ideas and information as possible. Now do you think that it would also be a bad to ask the Governor's people who also project revenue to make their projections too that we can have projections from both our fiscal staff and the Governors staff.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think that is excellent.

SENATOR STAHMER: Not only on the revenue side but possibly also on the operating budget and the capital budget and then we will have....we can approach this from two or three different directions, and I suggest that we are talking theoretically anyway.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think that first we need a new sound system, and secondly I agree with that suggestion and I think that it ought to be done and make some judgments on it. So...

SENATOR STAHMER: So in other words, if I might conclude, I could foresee the possibility of perhaps projection....revenue projections plus operating projections and capital projections not only from the fiscal staff but from the Governors staff and then I think that we have the most information and hopefully make the decisions.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think that is an excellent suggestion.

PRESIDENT: Did the Chair hear an amendment to the original motion? Is this what we caught. OK, we now have the Stahmer amendment to the original motion and that would be to include budget projections apparently from the Governor's fiscal staff. Is there need for further discussion of the Stahmer amendment to the Lewis amendment? Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: That is budget and revenue projections, expenditure projections for budget and revenue.